



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced average temperatures while the San Luis Valley experienced temperatures close to freezing during the weekend according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. The lack of rainfall has been felt on the Front Range and Eastern Plains of the State. Producers were allowed 6.6 days in the field with these conditions.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	48	26	0
Last Week	17	48	35	0
Last Year	6	33	57	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	42	45	1
Last Week	9	36	54	1
Last Year	5	38	52	5

**Small Grains:** Spring barley progressed to 93 percent harvested. Spring wheat was 74 percent harvested by week's end.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 70 percent dented and 10 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 41 percent complete. Sorghum was 70 percent turning color with 20 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 47 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 35 percent harvested with the crop reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were 17 percent harvested and reported in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 38 percent cut with 20 percent harvested at the end of the week. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending September 12, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	3	18	61	17
Last Year	3	10	25	47	15
Sorghum					
This Week	2	8	26	50	14
Last Year	0	3	22	65	10

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado reduced slightly last week with the hot and dry weather but remained in mostly good to fair condition. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 70 percent complete. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 12, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	11	44	42	2
Prev. Year - 2009	4	10	34	44	8
5-Year Avg.	9	19	36	30	6

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 12, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	16	5	24	21
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	93	74	92	93
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	74	48	54	73
<b>Corn</b>				
Dent	70	55	55	63
Mature	10	3	16	21
Harvested	---	N/A	2	1
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	41	14	24	35
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Coloring	70	55	67	65
Mature	20	12	31	25
Harvested	---	---	5	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	47	36	35	46
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	38	20	29	35
Harvested	20	2	14	15
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	70	55	41	60
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	35	25	29	43
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	17	7	11	14

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	15	74	10
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	1	15	65	18
<b>Dry Beans</b>	4	12	30	50	4
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	4	24	56	16
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	2	7	71	20
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	8	10	79	3
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	1	18	59	22
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	5	28	49	17

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.